GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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GENETICALY MODIFIED SOYA OIL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether genetically modified soya oil being imported is injurious to health;

(b) if so, whether the Government has made any study in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): Import of any article of Genetically Modified (GM) food, including GM Soya Oil is regulated under the Environment Protection Act(EPA), `986. As per the provisions of EPA 1986, approval of Genetic Engineering Approval Committee under Ministry of Environment and Forests is required to ensure that it is safe for human consumption,